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GOV. EASLEY PROCLAIMS MEMORIAL DAY 2007, ORDERS STATE FLAGS TO HALF STAFF
North Carolinians Urged To Remember Sacrifices Of Those Who Died Serving The Nation

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley today declared Monday, May 28 as Memorial Day 2007 in North Carolina. Easley directed that state flags be flown at half staff on Memorial Day at all state facilities. He urged citizens to honor the men and women of the armed services who died in service to the nation.

“On Memorial Day we pause to remember those members of the military who have paid the ultimate price,” Easley said. “North Carolinians are proud of our heritage of military service and the role of our state in protecting our nation. We all are grateful for the sacrifices many have made so future generations of Americans can enjoy the blessings of freedom and prosperity.”

The proclamation follows:

MEMORIAL DAY 2007
BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Americans have observed Memorial Day since May 1868 to honor the sacrifices of the brave men and women who gave their lives in defense of our great nation; and

WHEREAS, since that time, brave men and women who have answered our Nation’s call to duty and defended freedom at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, these men and women have served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Air Force with heroism, determination and valor; and

WHEREAS, soldiers, sailors and airmen based in North Carolina and serving in the North Carolina National Guard are among the United Forces who have served and are serving with distinction in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day is a special day when Americans rededicate themselves to the principles upon which our nation was founded, and men and women in the Armed Forces have died defending; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day offers each of us the opportunity to honor loved ones and remind ourselves of the ideals that are the foundation of the freedoms we enjoy and endure because of dedication and sacrifice of those who answered the nation’s call;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Monday, May 28, 2007, as “MEMORIAL DAY” in North Carolina and urge all citizens to join me in honoring the men and women who died at service to our nation in war to preserve our freedom, and honor those families who endured the sorrow of a loved one making the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of the United States of America.